

CHAPTER 6 - EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT (EPSDT)

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REFERENCES: [AHCCCS Manual](#)

Members age 21 years and under who are eligible for AHCCCS are also eligible for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). EPSDT offers comprehensive health care services through primary prevention, early intervention, diagnosis and medically necessary treatment to correct or ameliorate defects and physical or mental illness discovered by screenings. This includes required health, developmental, and behavioral health screenings.

Services include, but are not limited to, screening for hypertension, elevated cholesterol, colon cancer, sexually-transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, cervical cancer, and prostate cancer. Nutritional assessment and treatment are covered when medically necessary to meet the nutritional needs of members who may have a chronic debilitating disease. Physical examinations, diagnostic work-ups and medically necessary immunizations are also covered as specified in Arizona Administrative Code, R9-22-205. EPSDT providers must document immunizations into Arizona State Immunization Information System (ASIIS) and enroll annually in the Vaccine for Children Program.